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2. Citations and explanations see separate sheet

Industrial applicability (IA)

# VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted: see separate sheet

Claims 1-24

Claims NONE

# VIII. Certain observations on the international application

Yes:

No:

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

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### INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY **EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

#### Re Item I Basis of the report

The examination is being carried out on the following application documents:

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Description, pages: 1-21 as originally filed

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#### Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

- Claims 1-24 claim a receiver or an apparatus comprising such a receiver by its 2. unremarkable specifications and features. This is contrary to the purpose of patent laws, as can be inferred by considering Arts. 5 and 6 PCT in combination.
- All the features claimed are commonly known or known from D1-D10, and the 3. skilled reader will know their purposes and advantages and apply them whenever circumstances make it desirable.

For example, front ends for microwave signals are well known. One such is shown in D1, Fig. 5, showing typical functional blocks. The integration of one or more of these functions into a monolithic microwave integrated circuit (MMIC) is also well known. For example, D1 discusses, on p. 145, 2nd paragraph, the development of custom MMICs by foundry services, and mentions amplifier, mixer and multiplier blocks being integrated, I. 16-18.

D4 shows a MMIC receiver for 35GHz radar comprising an LNA and a mixer made on two chips, Fig. 1. As stated in col. 2, l. 8-11, however, the two chips may be integrated into a single chip receiver, as also evidenced by the fact that both

chips are made on the same wafer by the same process (see II. Fabrication).

D5 discloses different functional blocks that are made by the same process with the purpose of being integrated onto a single MMIC. As a target for integration is shown a monolithic front end for radar (Fig. 1) comprising a VCO, buffer for VCO, frequency doubler, mixer, IF amp, and T/R switch.

D10 shows a hybrid integrated antenna/LNB down-converter for satellite reception comprising a MMIC 114 with an LNA and a mixer (Fig. 3, col. 4, l. 5-7).

- In accordance with the above, the application fails to meet the requirements of the PCT because claims 1-24 lack an inventive step, Art. 33 (3) PCT.
   A few examples of lack of an inventive step are given below.
- 4.1 [Example 1: Claim 1 lacks an inventive step, Art. 33(3) PCT]

D4 shows a MMIC receiver for 35GHz radar comprising an LNA and a mixer made on two chips, Fig. 1. As stated in col. 2, I. 8-11, however, the two chips may be integrated into a single chip receiver, as also evidenced by the fact that both chips are made on the same wafer by the same process (see II. Fabrication, col. 2).

The receiver of D4 differs from the receiver of claim 1 only in that it has different gains and noise figures (NF).

Subject to the clarity objection of point 8 of section VIII, this difference does not represent an inventive step, because the selection of a particular value or range of gain amounts to a simple choice. The skilled person would simply select these values according to circumstances without exercising an inventive step.

4.2 [Example 2: Claim 5 lacks an inventive step, Art. 33(3) PCT]

The feature of claim 5 of splitting up a signal into 0/90 degree signals for subsequent amplification and recombination is well known in the art of RF amplification. The skilled person would therefore incorporate such a known amplifier circuit into the receiver of D4 whenever circumstances made it desirable, e.g., when the improved performance of such a circuit was needed. Therefore

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claim 5 lacks an inventive step

4.3 [Example 3: Claims 21-24 lack an inventive step, Art. 33(3) PCT] Microwave frontends connected to antennas are common knowledge, they are found in every satellite TV reception system; also well known are such systems where the frontend is mounted on the antenna, and the antenna is movable to direct it to different satellites.

A Phased array using a plurality of frontends is well known, e.g., in the field of radar.

A high data rate communications system is a well known, e.g., from satellite communication systems.

What is claimed in claims 21 and 24 are primary fields of application of a receiver known from D4. A skilled person working in these fields would incorporate the receiver of D4 into the respective apparatuses or systems. The subject-matter of claims 21-24 therefore lacks an inventive step.

- 4.4 For similar reasons, the remaining claims also fail to meet the requirements of the PCT for lack of an inventive step, Art. 33(3) PCT.
- The application meets the requirements of the PCT with respect to industrial 5. applicability, Art. 33(4) PCT, because the subject matter of claims 1-24 can be made or used in industry.

#### Re Item VII

## Certain defects in the international application

- Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, no relevant background art 6. has been mentioned in the description.
- The features of the claims are not provided with reference signs placed in 7. parentheses (Rule 6.2(b).

#### Re Item VIII

### Certain observations on the international application

- 8. Claims 1, 2 and 4 do not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT in that the matter for which protection is sought is not clearly defined. The claims attempt to define the subject-matter in terms of the result to be achieved. More specifically, a claim to a specific value of gain, frequency range, or noise figure, or to a range of values does not further define the subject-matter. The technical features necessary for achieving this result should have been present.
- 9. Examiner is of the opinion that the application's contribution to the art is not of an extent and nature that could support a claim meeting the requirements of the PCT.
  - More specifically, in the statement of invention no feature has been described as being essential to the invention, all features and specifications are preceded by the word 'preferably'. The only common feature that one or more functions are integrated onto an MMIC is well known in the art. What is described therefore amounts to simple juxtaposition. As the description thus does not clearly disclose an invention, it cannot support any claim.



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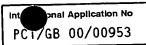
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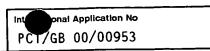
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